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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AT A DINNER ON JUNE 10 ZHANG WENPU, CHIEF OF THE  
MFA'S USA AFFAIRS DIVISION, SAID THAT HE IS CONFUSED  
BY THE FLURRY OF CONTRADICTIONARY SIGNALS EMANATING FROM  
WASHINGTON IN RECENT DAYS. HE SPECIFICALLY ENQUIRED  
AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND BRIEFING BY THE  
"SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL," INDICATING THAT  
PRESS REPORTS ON SESSION HAD COMPLICATED MFA  
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DAY EARLIER BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN RE-AFFIRMING CHINA'S POSITIONS THAT "WE WOULD RATHER RECEIVE NO US ARMS THAN ACCEPT CONTINUED INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY SELLING ARMS TO TAIWAN " (REFTEL).

3. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ZHANG, EMBASSY OFFICER STRESSED THAT, CONTRARY TO THE IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY SOME PRESS REPORTS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING HAD TREATED ARMS SALES TO THE PRC AND TO TAIWAN AS TWO COMPLETELY SEPARATE ISSUES. ZHANG QUERIED EMBASSY OFFICER AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE "SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL," OFFERING A GUESS THAT IT MIGHT BE CHARLES FREEMAN. EMBASSY OFFICER DID NOT REVEAL THE NAME OF THE OFFICIAL. ROY

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